



# Sunjammer

## Solar Sail Project Overview

**L' Garde**

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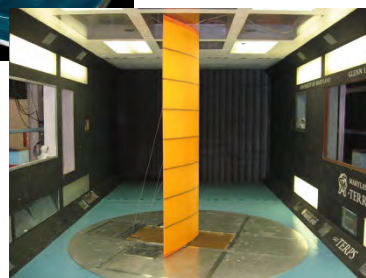
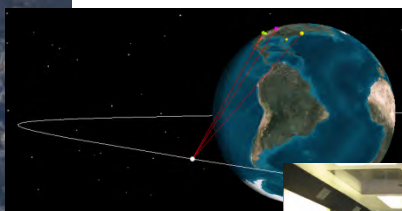
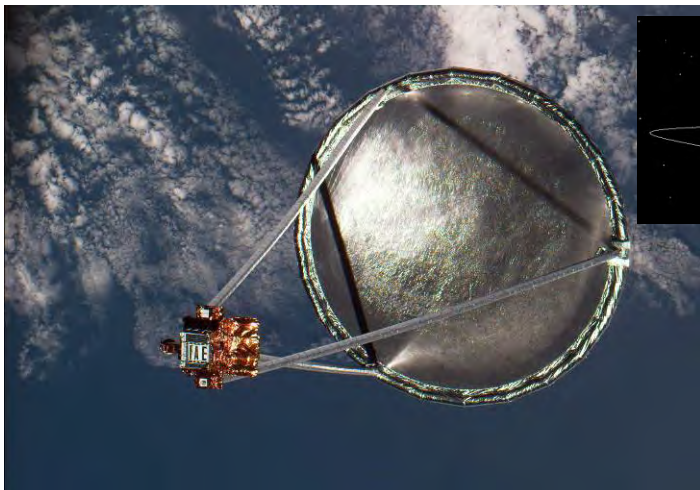
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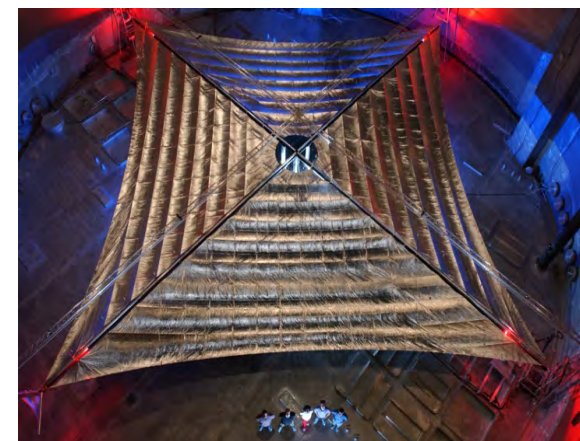


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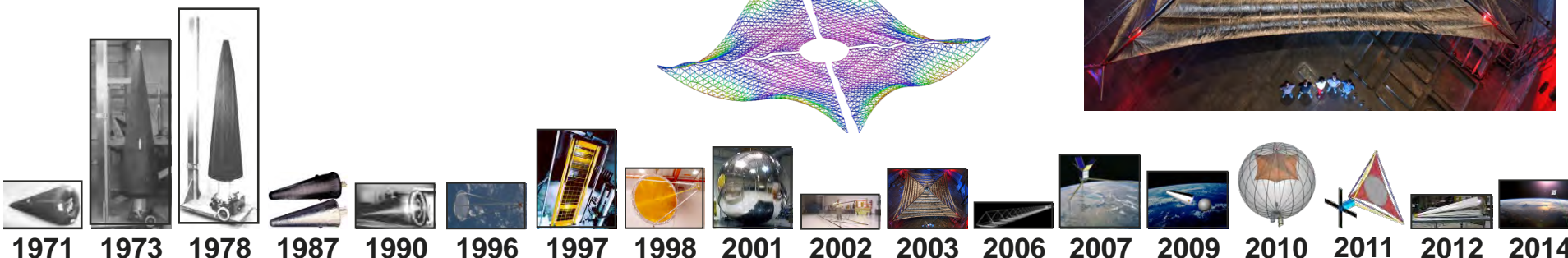
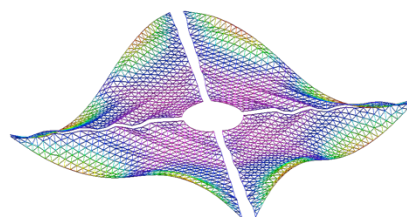


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## World Class Design and Analysis Capabilities



- Founded in 1971 in Orange County, CA,
- Historic provider to DoD of Inflatable RV Decoys
- World Leader in Deployable Space Structures



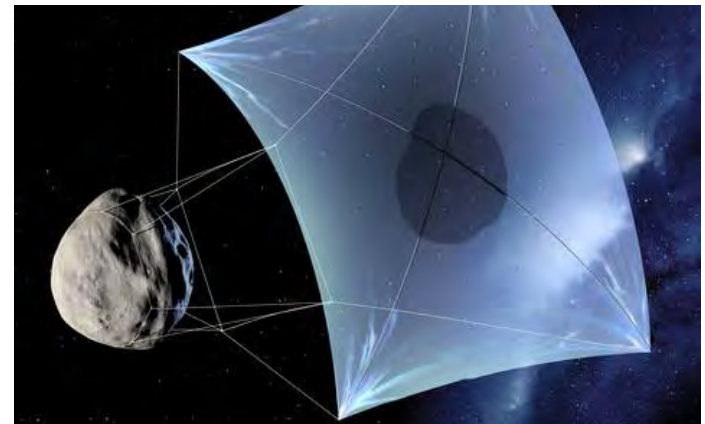
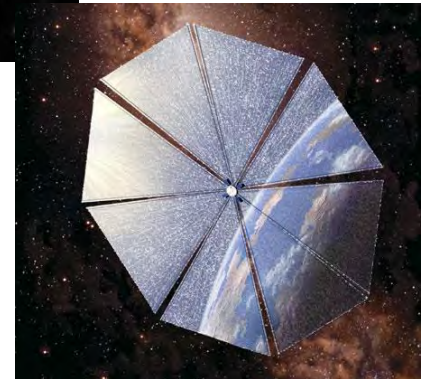
L' Garde is a world leader in the development of inflatable and deployable structures for terrestrial and space applications.  
L' Garde is focused on providing agile and responsive research and development services to its customers.



# What is a Solar Sail?



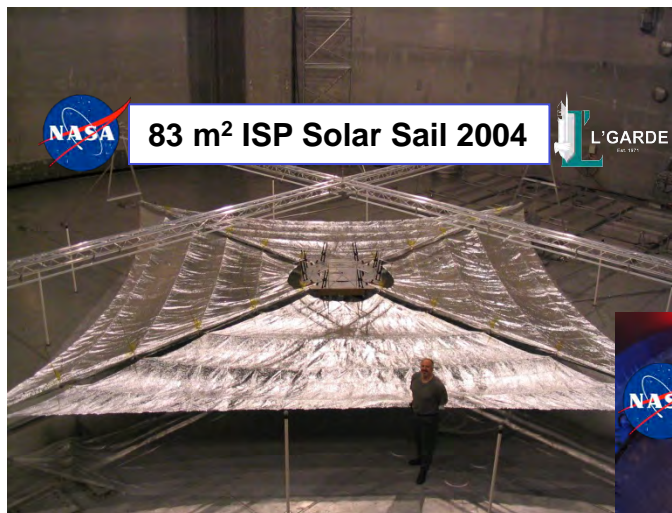
- Traveling through the heavens on starlight may sound like science fiction but that is what solar sailors aim to accomplish.
- Sunlight will create a pressure on a surface that it strikes.
- The solar pressure felt on earth is roughly 1,000,000 times weaker than the wind pressure from a gentle breeze (9mph).
- A solar sail is a spacecraft that harnesses the pressure provided by sunlight.
- In its simplest form, a solar sail spacecraft consists of a large area of reflective material, held in the “wind” of sunlight, joined to the spacecraft bus.







# L' Garde Solar Sails



83 m<sup>2</sup> ISP Solar Sail 2004

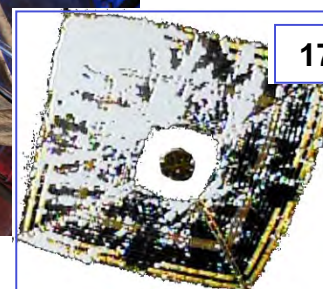
## Key In-Space Propulsion (ISP) Sail Personnel Involved in TDM Project

## Design Heritage

- Cold Rigidization Boom Technology
- Distributed Load Design
- Aluminized Sun Side
- High Emissivity Eclipse Surface
- Beam Tip Vane Control
- Spreader System Design



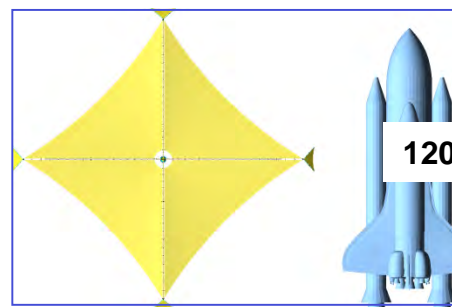
318 m<sup>2</sup> ISP Solar Sail 2005



170 m<sup>2</sup> JAXA Ikaros 2010

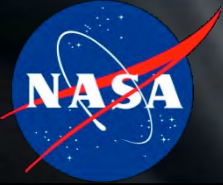
## Design Features

- High Density Packagability
- Controlled Linear Deployment
- Structural Scalability
- Propellantless Operation
- Meets Current Needs
- Meets Future Desires



1200 m<sup>2</sup> TDM Sunjammer Launch 2014





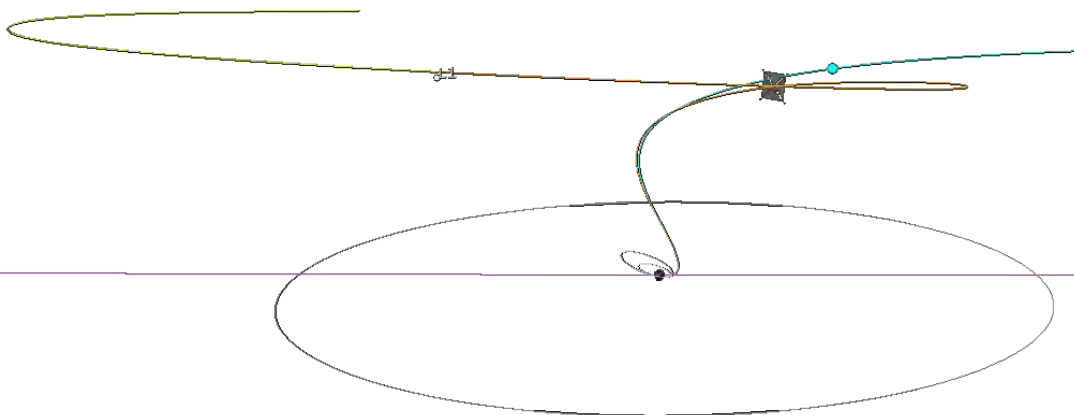
# What is Sunjammer?



**Named After Clarke Short Story**  
(With Permission)



- Sunjammer is an exciting project supported by NASA STMD's Technology Demonstration Missions Program.
- Sunjammer will demonstrate the propellantless propulsion potential of solar sails through deployment and navigation of 1200m<sup>2</sup> sail after launch as secondary payload.
- Sunjammer is the final solar sail demonstration before infusion.







# Mission Overview

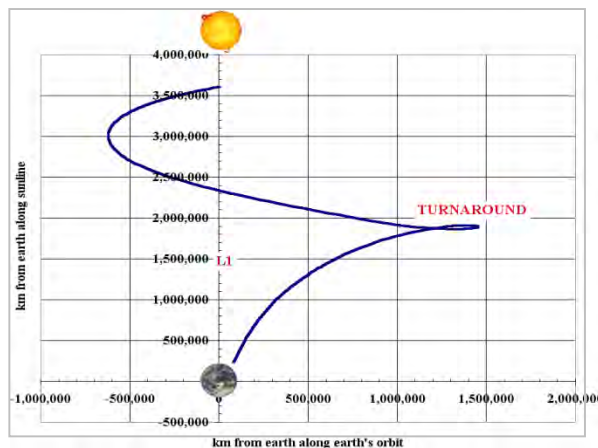
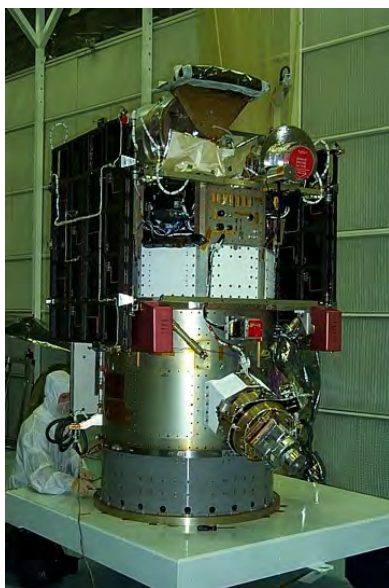


## Demonstration Objectives

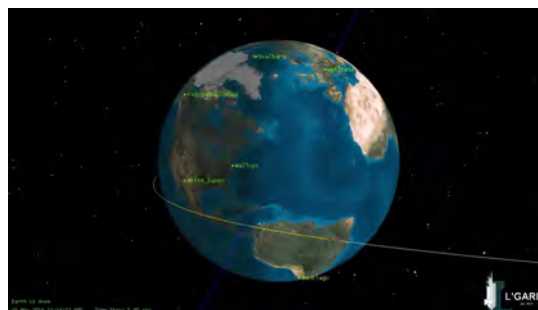
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2. Demonstrate attitude control plus passive stability and trim using beam-tip vanes.
3. Execute a navigation sequence with mission-capable accuracy.
4. Fly to and Possibly Maintain Position at sub-L1 and/or Pole Sitter Positions

### Access to Space:

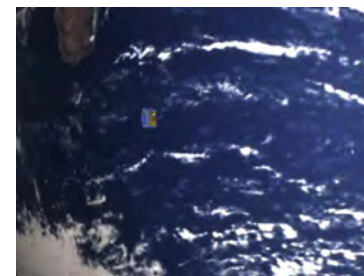
Manifested as Secondary on  
DSCOVR Launch to L1  
(F9 1.1 in Q4 2014)



Notional Trajectory  
After Earth Escape  
Burn



Sail  
Deployment  
Simulation





# Infusion Partners

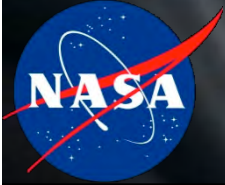


## Demonstration is Not Enough – TDM Programs Need Infusion

Sunjammer is Being Planned, Designed, and Executed with an Eye Always on Infusion

Partner	Contribution	Stakeholder Expectations
NOAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ground Stations Website EPO</li><li>• Mag. Analysis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NOAA expects to receive magnetometer data from the sensor suite.</li><li>• NOAA has interest in continuing work after demo is complete.</li></ul>
Celestis	\$1M (Project Reserve Funds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• L' Garde will accommodate a total of 4kg Celestis memorial payload on board the carrier and sailcraft portions of the spacecraft. MOA is in place.</li></ul>
SSHI	20% of Sponsorship Revenues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• L' Garde will grant certain commercial rights to SSHI who will sell sponsorship of the mission to commercial entities. A portion of L' Garde revenues will be directed to risk reduction cost offsetting efforts.</li></ul>
Imperial College London	\$500 k Magnetometer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imperial College London will develop and provide flight/science quality magnetometers for Sunjammer. This work is funded by UK Space Agency. Data will shared with Imperial College. Flight qualification will be provided as well.</li></ul>
University College London	\$500 k Plasma Sensor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University College London will develop and provide a flight/science quality plasma detector for Sunjammer. This work is funded by UK Space Agency. Data will shared with University College. Flight qualification will be provided.</li></ul>
NASA SMD	Ride Share!! & Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee on a Decadal Strategy for Solar and Space Physics (Heliophysics) urged development of a program <b>very</b> similar to Sunjammer</li></ul>





# L' Garde Solar Sail 101



The L' Garde Sail Is a Unique Design Well Suited to Very Large (High Performance) Solar Sails

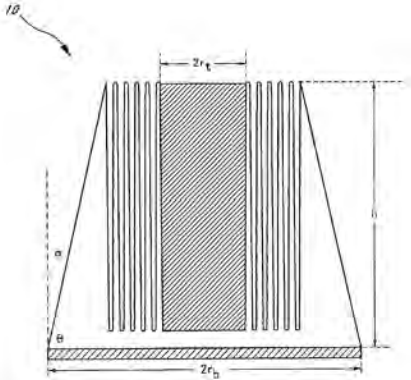
Vanes - Sail Control Surfaces

Striped-Net Sail Architecture  
Unstressed Sail Material

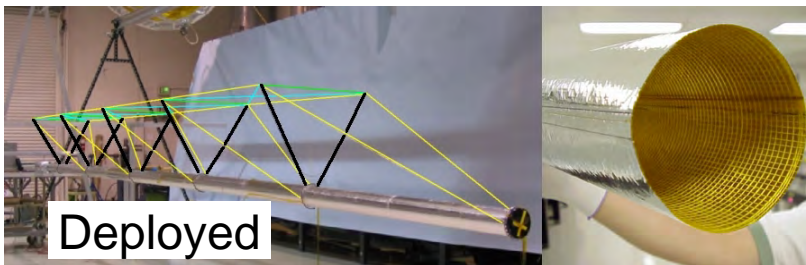
Sailcraft Bus



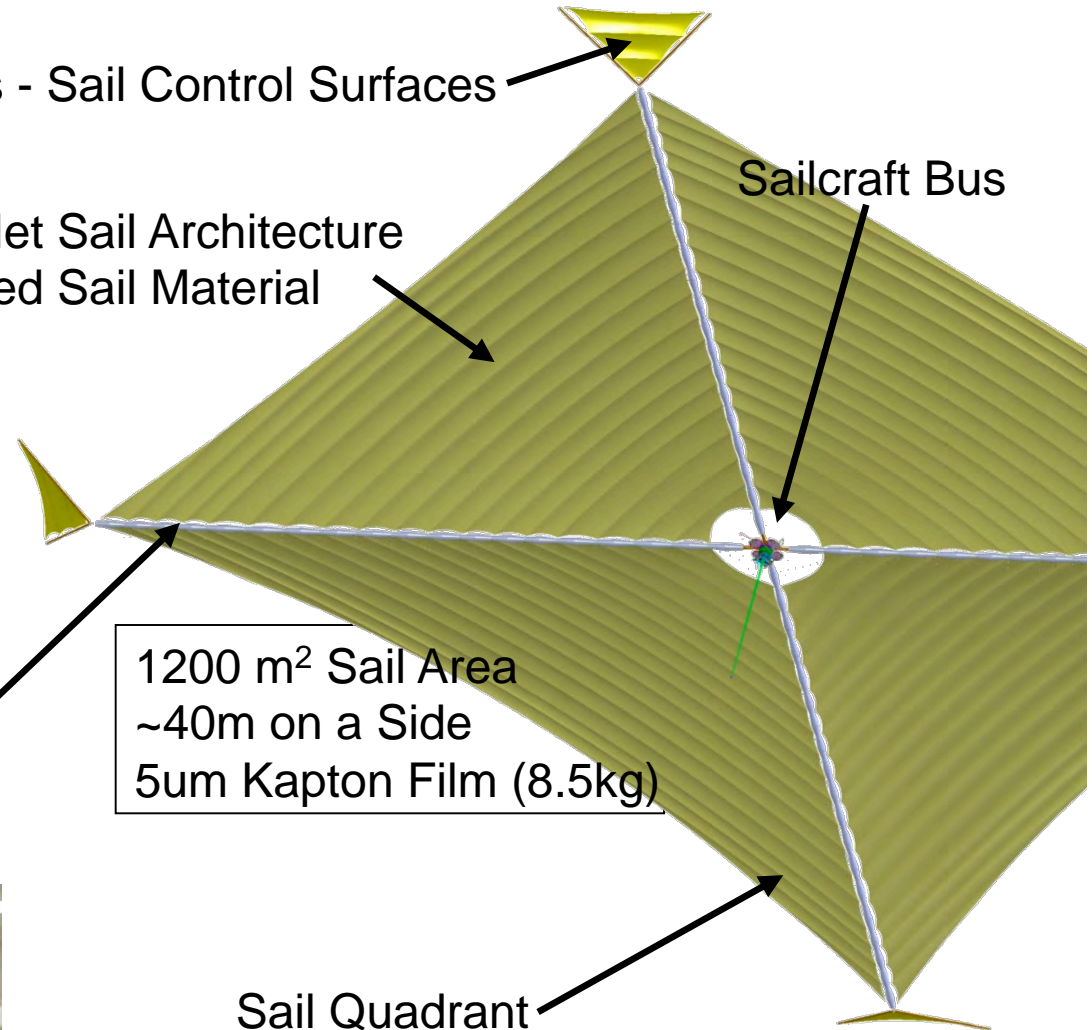
Stowed



L' Garde Patented Sub-Tg Conical Deployable Booms

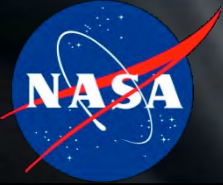


Deployed

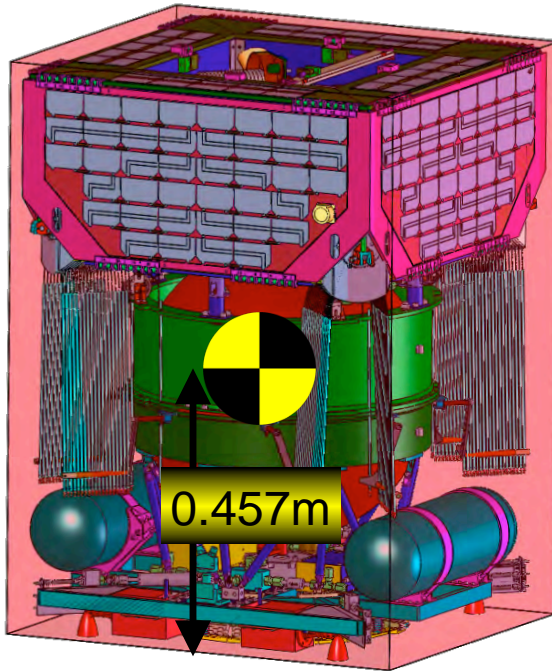


1200 m<sup>2</sup> Sail Area  
~40m on a Side  
5um Kapton Film (8.5kg)

Sail Quadrant



# Secondary Payload Resume



**Dim.:** 28in x 28in x 38in  
**Mass:** 153kg (wet)  
**CG:** 0.457m (18.7in)

## Primary Spacecraft Safeguards:

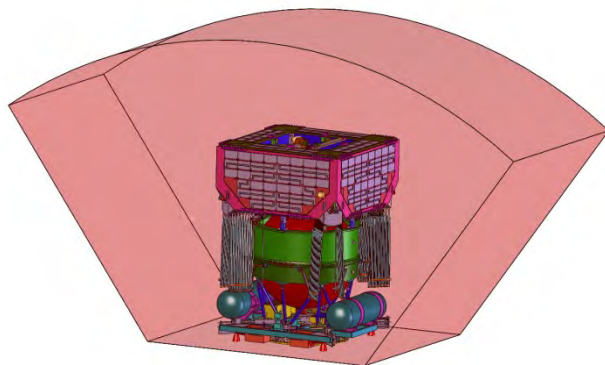
- **Fully Welded Hydrazine System**  
(Tank to Pyro Iso Valve)
- **Full Bus Power Disconnect**  
(Two Switches on Lightband)
- **AFSPCMAN 91-710 Compliance**
- **0.3 m/s Separation Velocity**  
(Timer Delayed Power-Up)

## Hazards:

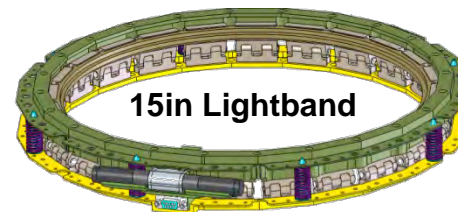
- **Hydrazine System (57kg Fuel)**  
(May be Redundant with DSCOVr)
- **Pressurized Gas (31MPa (4500psi))**  
(2.7kg of Pressurant)
- **~15 Energetic (Pyro) Actuators**  
(Cable Cutters, Pin Pullers, Iso Valves)
- **Lithium Ion Secondary Batteries**  
(COTS Battery System 30Wh)
- **Lithium FeS2 Primary Batteries**  
(250Wh Energizer COTS)

## Interface:

- **15in Lightband**  
(Separation Signal)
- **Unconditioned Power**  
(For Trickle Charger)
- **No Command**
- **No Telemetry**



ESPA Grande on F9H



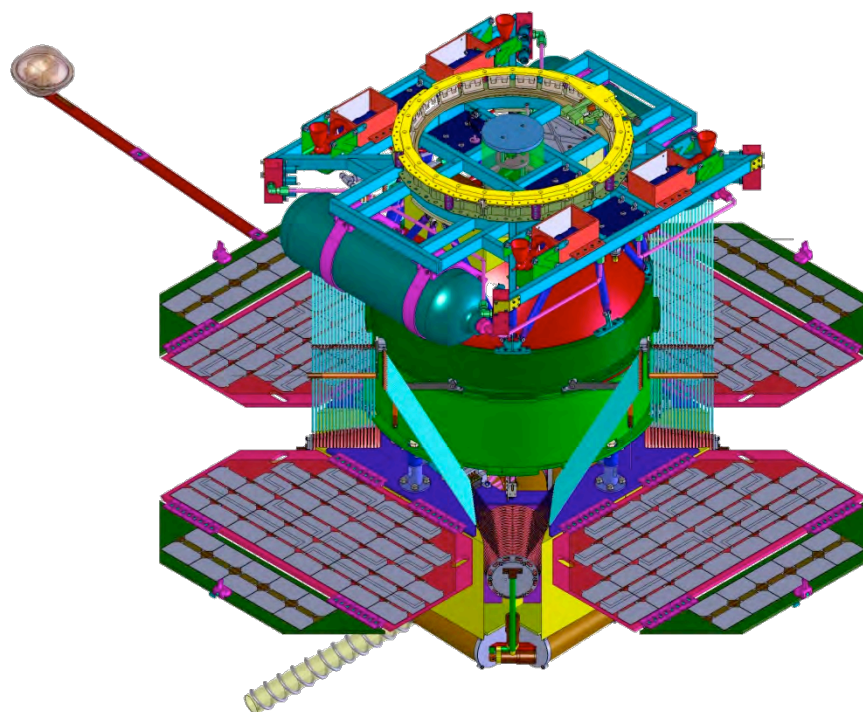




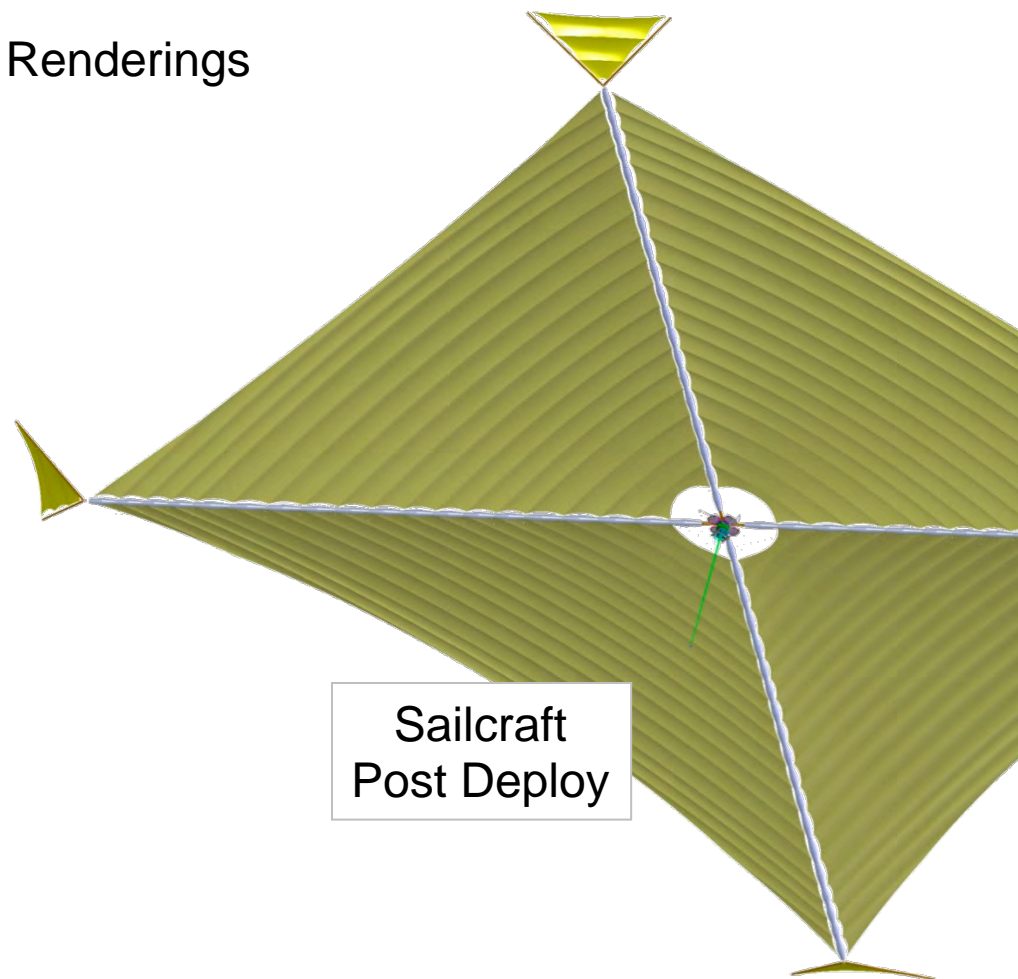
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## PDR Renderings



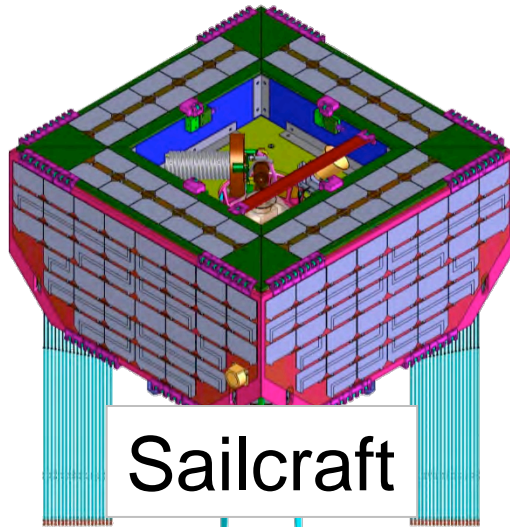
Sailcraft + Carrier  
Post-Burn



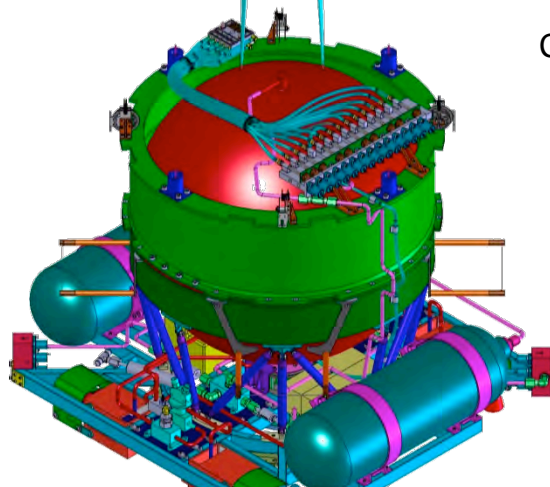
Sailcraft  
Post Deploy



# Sunjammer Mechanical Design 2/2



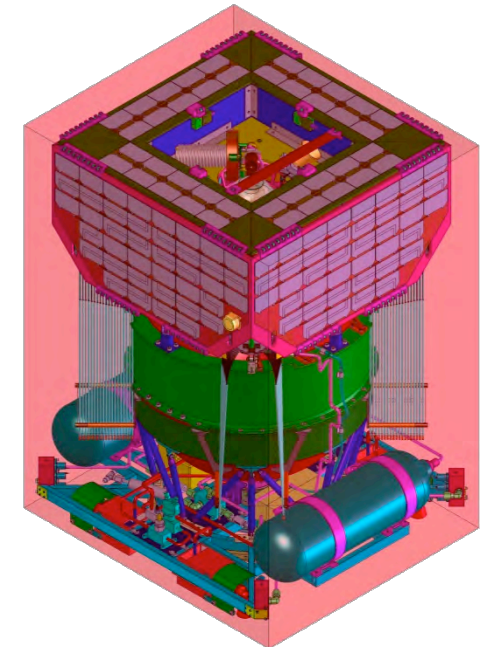
Sailcraft



Carrier

## Sailcraft:

- Quadrants, beams, 2-axis vanes
- "shelf" structure
- jettison mounts and umbilical (upper)
- Canister = solar array
- Avionics:
  - Flight Computer
  - Star tracker, sun sensor, IMU
  - Radio, omni, helix antenna
  - Sailcraft EPS & rechargeables
  - Jettison & guidance cameras
  - Magnetometer
  - Remote firing board 1
  - Boom & motor control boards
- Celestis payload / logos



Spacecraft

## Carrier:

- Launch support structure & brackets
- Lightband separation ring
- Spreader bar restraints
- jettison mounts and umbilical (lower)
- Hydrazine tank and thrusters
- GN2 tanks, cold gas RCS, N2H4 pressure
- Inflation valve ganglion
- Camera boom
- Avionics:
  - Carrier PDU & primaries
  - Remote valve controller
  - Remote firing board 2
  - Deployment controller
- Celestis payload



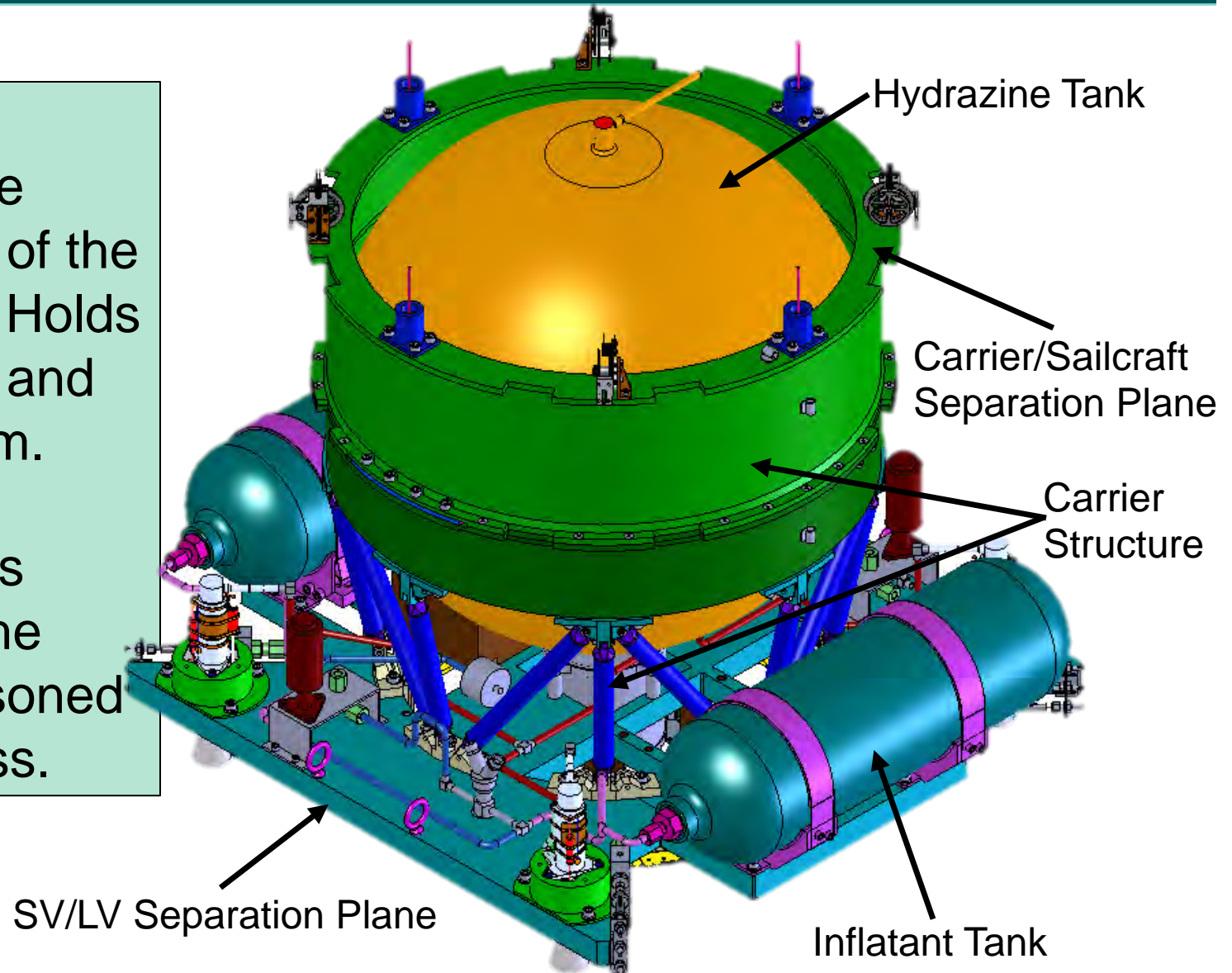


# Sunjammer Carrier Design



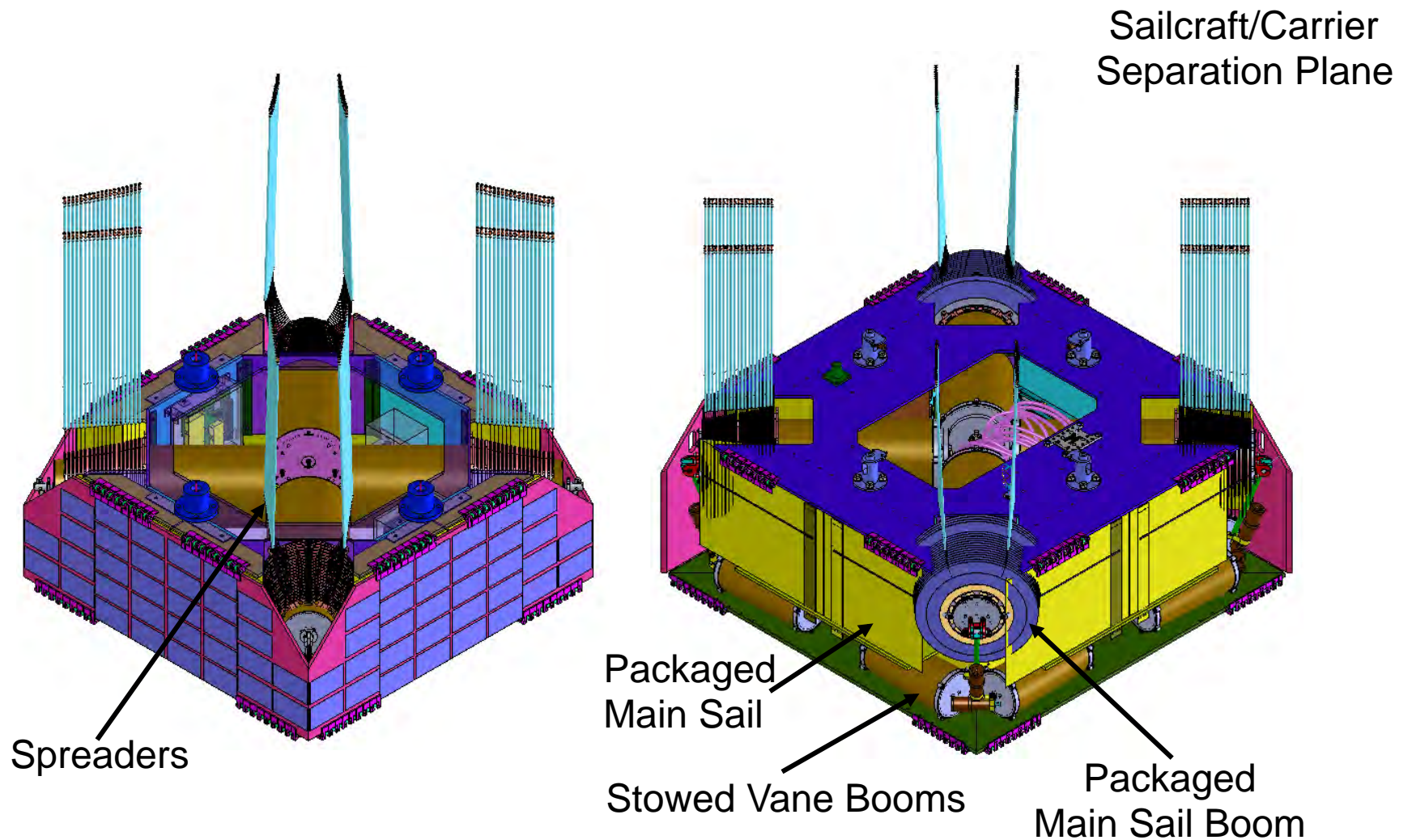
The Carrier Assembly is the Structural Part of the Sail Craft That Holds the Propulsion and Inflation System.

Once the Sail is Fully Inflated the Carrier is Jettisoned to Reduce Mass.





# Sailcraft Mechanical Design







# Demonstration Objectives Verified



1. Demonstrate segmented deployment of a solar sail
  - Verified with onboard imaging system
  - Data relayed to ground
2. Demonstrate attitude control plus passive stability and trim using beam-tip vanes.
  - Calibration effort will verify controllability and stability.
3. Execute a navigation sequence with mission-capable accuracy.
  - Sunjammer will be flown on a navigation sequence that future users are interested in.
4. Fly to and Possibly Maintain Position at sub-L1 and/or Pole Sitter Positions
  - Real time Infusion. This mission profile will demonstrate the validity of using solar sails to monitor space weather at pseudo Lagrange points.
  - Data will be relayed to the ground and analyzed by NOAA, UCL, and ICL.

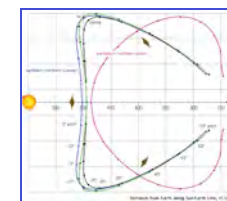
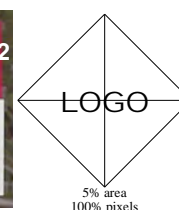
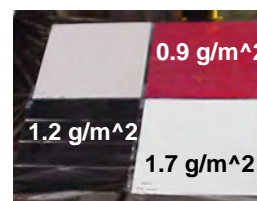
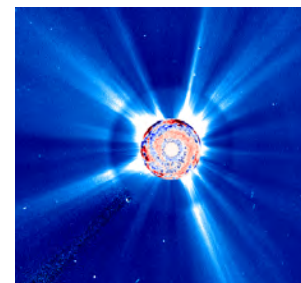
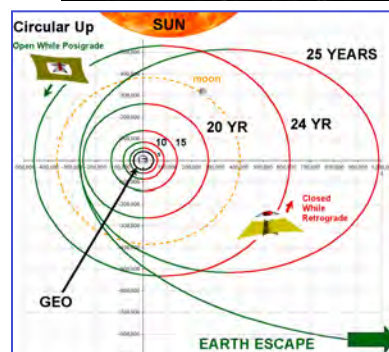
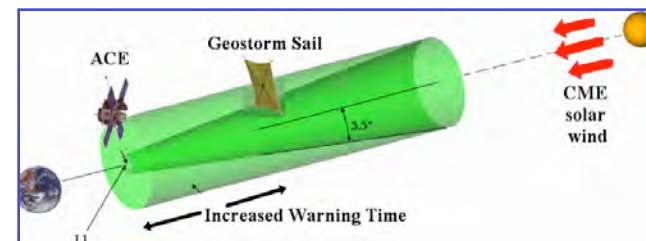
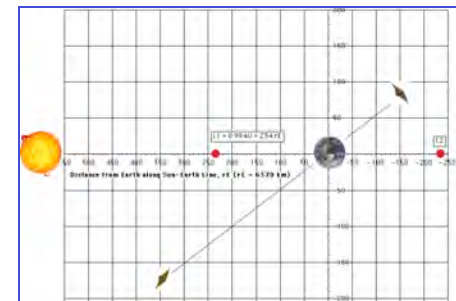
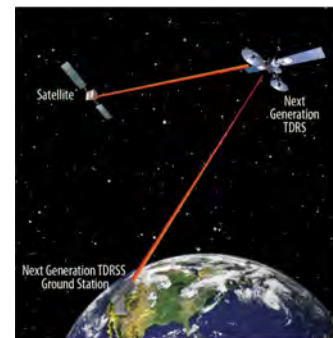
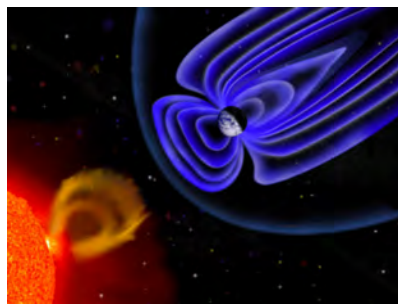




# Other Infusion Opportunities



- NASA
  - Heliophysics
  - Communication
  - ADR/ODR
- NOAA
  - Storm Warning
  - Communication
- DoD
  - STP
  - Communication
  - ADR/ODR
- SSHI (Commercial Entity)
  - Celestis Payloads
  - Advertising Rights



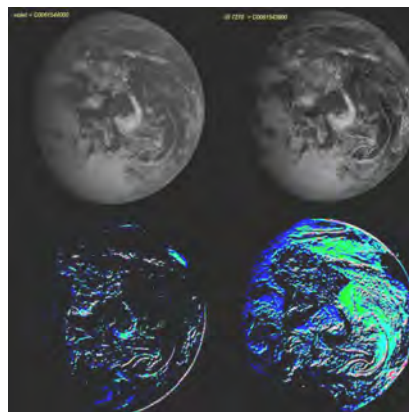




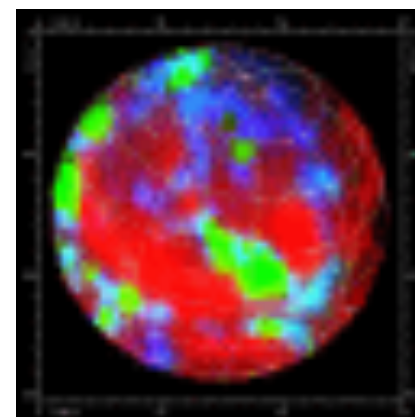
# Other Near Term Tasks For Sails



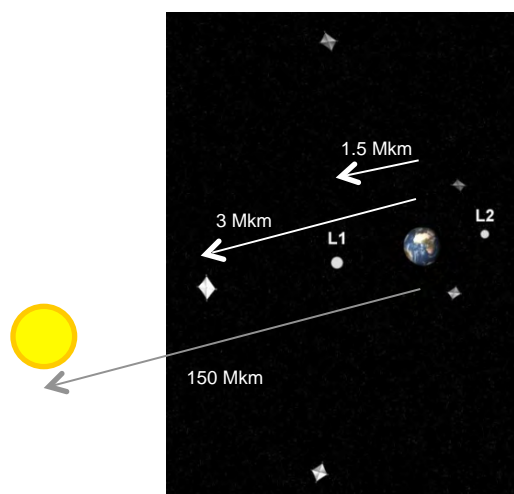
Northern “polesitter” providing continuous polar coverage of the Earth and moon



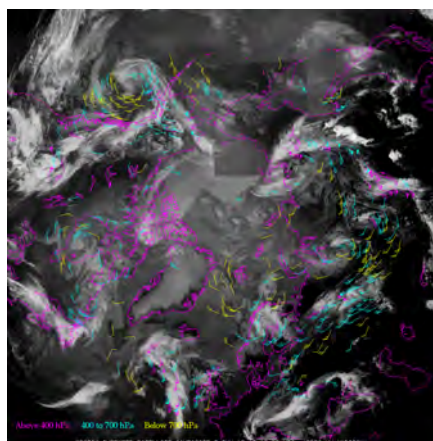
Aerosols & clouds (Galileo)



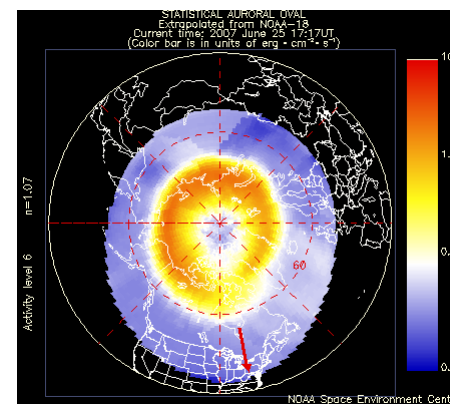
Near Infrared Mapping Spectroscopy (Galileo)



Family of artificial Lagrange orbits



Wind vectors from polar imagery (LEO & GEO composite)



UV auroral imaging (NOAA)

Lazzara, Matthew A., Alex Coletti, and Benjamin L. Diedrich. "The possibilities of polar meteorology, environmental remote sensing, communications and space weather applications from Artificial Lagrange Orbit." *Advances in Space Research* 48.11 (2011): 1880-1889.

